

Philadelphia Feby 25th 1890

To the Standing Committee
of the Diocese of Penn.^a }

Dear Sirs,

The undersigned, Wardens of St. Philip's Church have been instructed by resolution of the Vestry to lay before you the following facts, and ask your consent and approval of the sale of their Church property and the disposition of the funds arising from the sale, in the manner hereinafter mentioned -

After long and persistent effort to keep open the Church and maintain its services, they were compelled to either close it, or increase its permanent debt to defray deficiencies arising from excess of expenses over income, and decided rather than continue to consume the property, when no hopeful prospect of future growth or prosperity existed, to close it until such time as some new disposition might make it, or the funds arising from its sale, available for carrying on the work for which it was originally designed -

Recently, without solicitation, an opportunity has presented itself for the disposal of the property, of which after full consideration the Vestry of the Church has decided to avail itself subject to your consent and approval.

A formal offer has been made for it by Lulu Temple A. & O. M. S. of \$36,000 - which will net the sum of \$30,000 there being now an incumbrance of \$6,000. bearing 5% interest

This is esteemed a very good price indeed, and as the order proposing to purchase is believed to be unobjectionable, and the purposes to which the building will be put are proper purposes, that can bring no discredit on it, it has seemed to the Vestry to be an opportunity to sell the property advant.

agonely that should not be missed at this time -

No other offer has been made, nor has the Church been offered for sale, and it is extremely doubtful if a market is sought, whether so high a price could be got, or so unobjectionable a purchaser be found -

It might be as well to add here, that the building itself although dedicated, has at no time been free from debt, and has never been consecrated.

Under these circumstances and for these reasons, the Vestry have formally accepted the offer of Luke Temple subject to your consent and approval, and trusting that they may prove as sufficient to you, as they were to them, beg that you will confirm their action at as early a moment as may be.

Negotiations have been entered into with Trinity Church Maylandville, and a proposition has been made to them to pay off the existing encumbrances on their property with a moiety of the funds arising from the contemplated sale, and the investment of the other moiety in a perpetual endowment fund the interest of which will be applied to Church purposes -

This proposition is however coupled with the condition, that Trinity Church Maylandville surrenders its charter to you and assumes the name and charter of St. Philip's

As in addition to the proceeds arising from the contemplated sale, the Wardens and Vestry of St. Philip's Church hold \$1000. of City loan, the interest of which is to be applied to the relief of the sick poor of its parish, under which provision it is available for no other purpose and for no other parish, it has been deemed wise in making this proposition to Trinity Church Maylandville to put it in the form of an offer on the part of St. Philip's

to purchase the entire property of Trinity Church Maylandville
with these proceeds, in the manner previously indicated,
so that an unbroken and continuous title may be main-
tained -

Should the sale of the property and the disposal of
the funds arising therefrom meet your approval, but
the mode of procedure be deemed objectionable, unsafe,
or ill advised, we would be pleased to follow any
other mode you may suggest that will effectually carry
out the object in view -

After the liquidation of all existing indebtedness against
St. Philip's, which it is believed will be possible from the
sale of movables &c, and the transfer of the full amount
arising from the sale of the property &c, the present Vestry
propose to resign and delegate the continuance of St. Philip's
Parish to the present Rector Wardens & Vestry of Trinity
Church Maylandville -

Trusting that their actions, and proposed actions will
meet your cordial and hearty approval,

We are Dear Sirs

Very Truly Yours

Dwensend Willits } Wardens
Wm. J. Read }

Please address

213 Chestnut St.

Philadelphia, Pa. Feb. 24th 1890

To The Standing Committee

of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:-

It has been proposed by the Vestry of St. Philips Church to the Vestry of Trinity Church, Maylandville, West Philadelphia, that in consideration of Thirty thousand Dollars being paid by the former to the latter, out of which such amount as may be requisite, not exceeding the one half of the total sum, shall be used in payment of incumbrances now existing on the property of Trinity Church, Maylandville, so that the same may be entirely freed from debt and that a sum not less than Fifteen thousand Dollars shall be invested as a permanent endowment for the corporation. The condition therefore, being the merging of the present corporation of Trinity Church, Maylandville, into that of Saint Philips Church, under the existing Charter of the latter, so that the corporation and property hitherto known as Trinity Church, Maylandville, shall cease to exist as such, and shall hereafter exist and continue as St. Philips Church, with all rights and title thereunto pertaining.

As in duty bound, the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestry of Trinity Church, Maylandville, now ask that your honorable body will give formal assent to the carrying out of the proposition.

The result would be to place in a position of strength an organization which has for a long while been laboring under the disadvantage of a considerable debt, and at the same time continue the existence of an old and honorable name.

It has been the custom in Philadelphia, as well as elsewhere,
as the Standing Committee is aware, when a Church becomes compar-
atively useless in one locality to remove it, substantially
carrying with it its rights and privileges, that which could
not be removed being disposed of advantageously. This was the
case in this City with St. James' Church, Calvary Monumental
Church, (which was removed bodily,) and the Church of the Ascension;
and is also the case with Churches in New York City.

Very respectfully,

Charles Estlin

Allen C. Childs
Chas. F. Grubb

Ernest L. Ellison
H. Clifford Oat

Alex. Harding

J. P. Oronelson.

Richard H. Thomas
Rector

L. Harry Richards

Robert Huggs

James E. Reese

Chas. E. Reed

F. B. Price



Done in Testimony meeting
this 24th day of February A.D. 1890.

Attest. Chas. E. Reed

Secy. J. P. Oronelson

At a special meeting of the Vestry of
St Philips Church held February 10th 1890
The Wardens laid before them the follow-
-ing offer for the property -
Philad^a Feby 6th 1890

To the Wardens & Vestry of
St Philips Church -

We the undersigned a duly appointed
Committee of Lu Lu Temple A. O. U. M. S. hereby
make the following offer for the property of the
Church situated on Spring Garden Street east
of Broad St. that is to say the sum of thirty
six Thousand dollars Cash, and in addition
offer a sum not exceeding fourteen hundred
dollars for the organ and such other movable
property not ~~express~~ especially used and design-
-ed for actual Church purposes, such movable
property to be designated at the time of the
acceptance of this offer -

Signed - Joseph Bird
Geo W. Walton
Jos. A. Wright

And on motion it was unanimously resolved
that the Wardens be and are hereby authorized
to accept the same subject to the consent of
the standing Committee -

Done in Vestry Feby 10th 1890

Attest Wm. F. Read Secy.

At a special meeting of the Vestry of
St Philip's Church held February 19th 1890

On motion it was unanimously resolved
that the Wardens are hereby authorized
and empowered to purchase from the
Rector Wardens and Vestry of Trinity
Church Maylandville all their Church
property and other buildings with the
proceeds arising from the sale of St. Philip's
Church on Spring Garden St, not more than
one half of such purchase money to be used
in paying off any existing incumbrances on
the property of Trinity Church Maylandville
and the balance to be invested as a perpetual
endowment fund, and that they be and are hereby
authorized to carry out this expressed intention
of the Vestry in any other manner which may
seem to them more fitting or desirable should this
method prove ineffectual -

On motion it was further unanimously resolved
that the Wardens are hereby authorized and empow-
ered to lay all the facts involved in the sale of
the Church property and the purchase of the
property of Trinity Church Maylandville before the
Standing Committee of the Diocese and ask their
consent and approval both of said sale and purchase
Done in Vestry Feby 19th 1890 Attest Wm. F. Read Secy